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1. **CDR SALAMANDER:**

[Sea Swap .... German Style](#): "Perhaps only the very exacting Germans or Japanese could pull this off. I don't know, but it will be good to watch. Hey, they can pull off having bars on their warships without running aground hither-n-yon ... so why not?"

2. **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:**

[MFP 7: Future Maritime Disputes](#): "What maritime dispute is most likely to lead to armed conflict in the next 5/10/20 years? *This is the seventh in our series of posts from our Maritime Futures Project.*"

3. **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:**

[Gray Matter for Gray Hulls: The Intellectual Software Powering the U.S. Navy's Asia-Pacific Rebalance](#): "The Naval War College is poised to play a pivotal role in America's Asia-Pacific refocusing. Here are the programs and professionals that the Navy will draw on."

[China's recent expansion of the maritime agencies](#): "One of the things that I've been really focusing on in the past few months is the recent dramatic expansion of China's civilian maritime force."

[China's maritime disputes](#): "We often read about China's recent actions have made neighboring countries feel uneasy and have pushed them toward America. While I do agree the other countries reactions have been similar, it's important to note that these are different issues for Chinese people."

4. **SMALL WARS JOURNAL:**

[Modern Warfare is a Thinking Officer's Game: Why the U.S. Military Needs More Leaders with Technical Educations](#): "The military would benefit from more officers with hard science backgrounds enabling them to solve the challenging problems the military faces in modern wars."

5. **USNI:**

[Building Anew Upon the Past](#): "Generations are changing, and the rock upon which Churchill and the next generation built is not the same one that will be recognized tomorrow."

6. **OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)**

**ASIAN SECURITY BLOG:**

[USC-CSIS Conference on Korean Unification \(2\): 'One Country, Two Systems' will not happen](#): "I think Germany is a better model for what will happen here, and I think a 'one country, two systems' arrangement like in greater China is nearly impossible given the extraordinary deep ideological divide, which is also existentially necessary for NK to demonstrate why it must be a separate, poorer Korean state. So it's either implosion or stalemate."

**CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:**

[U.S. Navy commander apologizes for ship stuck in reef off Philippines](#)

**DEFENSE TECH:**

[Navy wants railguns for missile defense](#): “The electromagnetic rail gun could offer the Navy both additional range for land strikes as well as added capabilities in ballistic and cruise missile defense. In a perfect world, the Navy would like to invest in both particular technologies.”

**THE DEW LINE:**

[F-35B grounded, Lockheed responds to DOT&E report](#)

**DOD BUZZ:**

[Navy Under Secretary Bob Work to step down](#): “They Navy's secret weapon on Capitol Hill expects to retire in 2013 after four years serving as the Navy's No. 2 civilian.”

**KARL reMARKS:**

[A Beginner's Guide to al-Qaeda's One-Eyed, Cross-Eyed, and Blind Leaders and Movements in Al-Maghreb](#): “Who are those groups, how do they relate to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), and why do so many of their leaders seem to have eyesight problems? To answer that question, we have prepared the following handy guide.” (*Satire*)

**THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:**

[Tensions Mount Between Japan and China](#): “More and more, the dispute between Japan and China over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands in the East China Sea is starting to look like the train wreck that everybody sees coming but feels powerless to prevent. Unless cooler heads prevail, and do so soon, the escalation — now a weekly affair — could turn quite nasty indeed.”

**7. FROM THE READERS****NASA:**

[NASA Beams Mona Lisa to Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter at the Moon](#): ““This is the first time anyone has achieved one-way laser communication at planetary distances,’ says LOLA's principal investigator, David Smith of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. ““In the near future, this type of simple laser communication might serve as a backup for the radio communication that satellites use.””